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# Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer Service

## March 20, 2024 – 6:45 p.m.

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### Prelude

### Ringing of the Bell

*Please stand and face the Paschal Candle at the rear of the church*

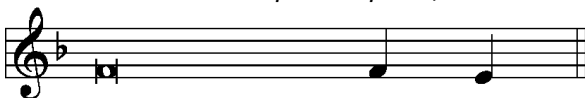
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## + Service of Light +

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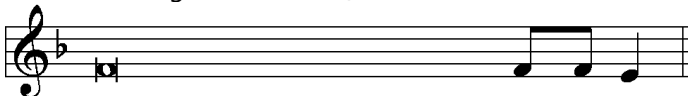
### Versicles for Lent (sung)

**L** Now is the time of God's favor;



**C** now is the day of sal-va - tion.

**L** Turn us again, O God of our salvation,



**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.

**L** May Your justice shine like the sun;



**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.

**Phos Hilaron** "Joyous Light of Glory" (Hymn of Light) p. 244

**Thanksgiving for Light** p. 245

*Please be seated*

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## + Psalmody +

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**Psalm 141** "Let My Prayer Rise Before You" p. 245

**Psalm Prayer** p. 247

**Hymn** "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" Hymn 560

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## + Proclamation of the Word +

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### Lenten Psalm (Psalm Tone B)

Psalm 41

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!\*

**In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him;**

<sup>2</sup>the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;

he is called blessèd | in the land;\*

**you do not give him up to the will of his | enemies.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed;\*

**in his illness you restore him to | full health.**

<sup>4</sup>As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;\*

**heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"**

<sup>5</sup>My enemies say of me in | malice,\*

**"When will he die and his name | perish?"**

<sup>6</sup>And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,

while his heart gathers in- | iquity;\*

**when he goes out, he tells | it abroad.**

<sup>7</sup>All who hate me whisper together a- | bout me;\*

**they imagine the | worst for me.**

<sup>8</sup>They say, "A deadly thing is poured | out on him;\*

**he will not rise again from | where he lies."**

<sup>9</sup>Even my close friend in whom I | trusted,\*

**who ate my bread, has lifted his heel a- | gainst me.**

<sup>10</sup>But you, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me,\*

**and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!**

<sup>11</sup>By this I know that you de- | light in me:\*

**my enemy will not shout in triumph | over me.**

<sup>12</sup>But you have upheld me because of my in- | tegrity,\*

**and set me in your presence for- | ever.**

<sup>13</sup>Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*

**from everlasting to everlasting!**

**Amen and | Amen.**

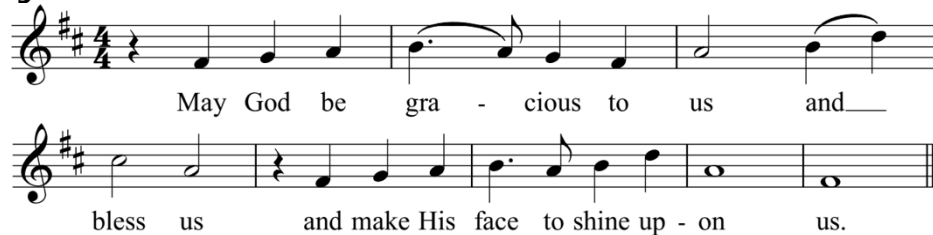


### Sermon

**Hymn of Response** "Be Gracious to Me" – Psalm 41:6-8; 67:1 by *Kenneth T. Kosche*

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.*

**Congregation: Refrain**



May God be gra - cious to us and  
bless us and make His face to shine up - on us.

Leader: *And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."*

**Congregation: Refrain**

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**Children's Message** *Parents with infants and toddlers are invited to bring them forward.*

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**+ Prayer +**

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**Litany** p. 249

**Collect For Peace** p. 251

**Lord's Prayer** p. 251

**Benedicamus** p. 252

*Please be seated*

**Closing Hymn** "Not All the Blood of Beasts" Hymn 431

**Silent Prayer**

**Offering** (Your offering can be put in the drop boxes near the sanctuary exits)

**Postlude**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Preacher:	Rev. Matthew B. Synnott
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Children's Message:	DCE Scott Rauch / Mariah Ford
Organist:	Peter Wykert
Sound:	Mark King family
Acolytes:	Mariah Ford, Rose Chamberlain